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Keeping Up with the OSU Curriculum

GEC Cluster Courses

Cluster courses were proposed as part of the General Education Curriculum reform in 2007. Clusters are a series of integrated, interdisciplinary courses that satisfy GEC requirements and are built around a broad theme. Faculty from multiple academic units jointly develop and execute the Cluster. In 2009-10, the Colleges of the Arts and Sciences expects to offer 7 clusters, each with a maximum enrollment of 120 students, and one Honors Cluster with a lower enrollment cap. Some cluster courses may offer opportunities for faculty collaboration. More specific information about these courses will be shared as it becomes available. Guidelines are available [here](#).

Curricular Changes

KeyNotes, from OAA, includes an [update on curricular activities](#). This is the place to learn about new undergraduate minors, revisions to majors and graduate programs that may provide new opportunities to make teaching connections with faculty.

Follow up to find more detail about particular actions by looking at [published minutes](#) available online at the Council on Academic Affairs site.

Assessment Activities

[Student evaluation forms](#) that can be used to obtain feedback on your instructional lectures to classes and information about scheduling [peer evaluation of your teaching](#) are available on the Library web site.

[Project Information Literacy](#) is a proposed large scale study of undergraduates' information literacy competencies, as expressed in their own words and through retelling of their experiences. OSU Libraries expects to participate if the study is funded.

Quick Facts – Winter 2008

Arts & Sciences credit courses taught by Libraries faculty during WI 08:

[Online research skills courses:](#)

ASC 120D	Karen Diaz
ASC 121D	Nancy O'Hanlon
ASC 122D	Karen Diaz

[Freshman seminars:](#)

ASC 137.02	Jose Diaz
ASC 137.03	Magda El-Sherbini
ASC 137.06	Beth Kattelman
ASC 138.04	Leta Hendricks

Librarian [Course Enhancement Grant](#) participants during WI 08:

Biology 102	Tina Schneider
Comm 628	Graham Walden
History 323.02	Leta Hendricks
Linguistics 795.1	Steve Rogers, Miriam Conteh-Morgan
Spanish H565	Ted Riedinger

Resources

Faculty and TA Development has a very useful course development guide available online. [Teaching@OSU](#) includes chapters on student characteristics, international students, how students learn, course preparation, classroom strategies, technology, evaluation/assessment. Each chapter summarizes important research in a concise fashion along with links for further reading. This should be your first stop when looking for information on any of these topics

Tutorials

Lynda.com tutorials are available at the Digital Union and also the Sullivant Multimedia Production space. Learn at your own pace: Photoshop, Flash, Dreamweaver, Illustrator, Office, digital photography, Web design, digital video, and more.